

# CITY OF HAYWARD AGENDA REPORT

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TO:

Mayor and City Council

FROM:

Director of Community and Economic Development

**SUBJECT:** 

Hearing on Report and Assessment for Weed Abatement Fees Past Due

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution confirming the report and assessment for overdue weed abatement fees for the 2001 calendar year, and authorizing the assessment to become a lien against the properties if not paid on or before July 22, 2002.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Weed, rubbish and litter abatement is carried out for both aesthetic and fire prevention purposes. Work consists of removal of weeds, rubbish, debris, and litter from both privately-owned and City-owned properties.

For a first-time violation, there is no charge for the compliance inspection process, if corrections have been satisfactorily completed by the indicated reinspection date. However, if the violation is not corrected, then a \$200 fee is assessed based on the standard cost for staff time and materials to process a typical violation. This includes the cost of both the initial inspection and the compliance inspection, site photographs, researching property ownership records, sending abatement notices, preparing and maintaining the case file, internal vehicle charges, et cetera. For a repeated violation of the same ordinance within 12 months by the same property owner, an inspection fee of \$325 (\$200 plus a \$125 penalty fee) is charged. For those properties that are abated by the City's contractor, a City fee of \$100 is imposed, in addition to the contractor charges, to cover the City's costs of verifying the adequacy of the contractor's work and processing the invoice. If it is necessary to place a lien on a property to recover unpaid inspection or contractor's fees, an additional \$100 fee is levied to cover City costs.

As in past years, in conjunction with the annual City-wide weed survey done in April, a reminder notice was mailed to those property owners who had received a Notice to Abate the previous year, whether the owner corrected the violation or the City's contractor was required to do so. Notices were also sent throughout the year to owners of property found to be in violation that had not previously received a notice in conjunction with the annual survey.

As of this writing, overdue bills affecting 16 properties (including contractor costs) amount to approximately \$5,764. Amounts currently due include a \$5 per month late charge and 1% interest per month on charges more than thirty days past due.

The purpose of tonight's hearing is to consider the proposed report and assessment list, as well as any objections from property owners. After concluding the hearing, Council may choose to modify the proposed charges and assessment list as appropriate, after which the list will be officially confirmed by resolution.

The unpaid charges, plus any administrative costs of the City and County, will then become a lien on the property and will appear on the November tax bill. When the property taxes are paid, or when the property is sold or refinanced, the County remits funds to the City. Abatement charges constitute a special assessment against the property. However, sometimes it is not possible to establish a lien to collect an overdue bill because the current owner was not the party responsible for the debt. In these instances, the Finance Director pursues collection of the debt from the responsible individual through the City Collection Officer, collection agency, or litigation as appropriate.

### **Public Notice**

Notice of this hearing was published in the <u>Daily Review</u> on May 21 and May 25, 2002. A notice of this hearing was also sent by certified mail to each property owner, mortgagee or beneficiary indicated on the current assessor's roll. In addition, staff sent a courtesy letter to all those affected in April, informing them of the impending proceedings and encouraging them to pay their bills to minimize fees and be removed from the proposed assessment list.

Prepared by:

William Mork, Senior Community

**Preservation Inspector** 

Recommended by:

Sylvia Ehrenthal, Director of Community

and Economic Development

Approved by:

Jesús Armas, City Manager

Exhibits: A – 2001 Proposed Weed Abatement Assessment List

Resolution

DEPARTMENT: WEED ABATEMENT INVOICES OVER 30 DAYS PAST DUE

C I T Y O F H A Y W A R D ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE SYSTEM INVOICE PARCEL INFORMATION

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BILLED TO MAP BLOCK PARCEI	OWNER NAME/ADDRESS J INVOICE DESCRIPTION	PARCEL LOCATION	BALANCE DUE	
107857 01/05/2001 078C 0440 005 02 AKRAM, NAEEM		308 VALLE VISTA 94544 TA		4630 001 46
17229 AKRAM, NAEEM		TOTAL	212.05	
2		25134 MUIR ST 95036		4630 001 46
19370 ANDERSON, AARON		TOTAL	696.00	
		31625 MEDINAH ST 99301	601.91	46
11127 BROWN, EDWARD E & KLEIN C		TOTAL	601.91	
113269 10/17/2001 445 0120 004 00 BULHOES, GEORGE	BULHOES GEORGE 19400 PARSONS AV WEED ABATEMENT INSPECTION, LEGAL NOTIFICATION, CASE DOCUMENTATION, AND COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION CASE WN01-0846; WEED INSPECTION/ABATEMENT FEES OF TIEGEN DR, HAYWARD. APN 445-0120-004. QUESTIONS CALL RAMONA 510/583-4138. SEE BELOW FOR PAY INFO	TIEGEN DR 94546 N	210.03	46
19240 BULHOES, GEORGE		TOTAL	210.03	
112417 08/13/2001 445 0130 057 00 DANIELS, DORIS L	DANIELS DORIS L 1137 TIEGEN DR HAYWARD CA WEED ABATEMENT INSPECTION, LEGAL NOTIFICATION, CASE DOCUMENTATION, AND COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION	1137 TIEGEN DR 94542	212.05	4630 001 46

DEPARTMENT: WEED ABATEMENT INVOICES OVER 30 DAYS PAST DUE

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113930 11/29/2001 081D 1665 001 03 DANIELS, DORIS L		L .	205.00	4630 001 46
12130 DANIELS, DORIS L		TOTAL	417.05	
<b>3</b>	GARCEZ GEORGE & RHEA & JOSE P & MARY L  2001 BOCA RATON ST HAYWARD CA  WEED ABATEMENT INSPECTION, LEGAL NOTIFICATION, CASE DOCUMENTATION, AND COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION CASE WN01-0819; WEED INSPECTION & ABATEMENT FEE A  2001 BOCA RATON ST. APN 455-0024-032-00. QUESTION CALL JILL 510/583-4170. SEE PAYMENT INFO BELOW.	2001 BOCA RATON ST 94545		4630 001 46
9593 GARCEZ, GEORGE,RHEA,JOSE; MARY		TOTAL	357.49	
		2001 CHIPLAY CT 94545 Y	212.05	4630 001 46
11262 LACK, ANDREW F		TOTAL	212.05	
113323 10/17/2001 445 0130 022 00 LEVINSON, DONNA L.	LEVINSON DONNA L 24511 MARIE DR HAYWARD CA WEED ABATEMENT INSPECTION, LEGAL NOTIFICATION, CASE DOCUMENTATION, AND COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION CASE WN01-0848; WEED INSPECTION FEES @ 24511 MAR. DR, HAYWARD. APN 445-0130-022. QUESTIONS CALL 51: 583-4138 FOR RAMONA. SEE PAYMENT INFO BELOW.	24511 MARIE DR 94542 IE	379.71	4630 001 46
13166 LEVINSON, DONNA L.		TOTAL	379.71	

DEPARTMENT: WEED ABATEMENT INVOICES OVER 30 DAYS PAST DUE

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INV # DATE -PARCEL NUMBER- BILLED TO MAP BLOCK PARCEL	OWNER NAME/ADDRESS INVOICE DESCRIPTION ************************************	PARCEL LOCATION	BALANCE DUE	DEPT STAT ******
113973 11/29/2001 427 0006 010 01 LIU, WEN B & CHIAIAO, NEN		22775 2ND ST 95015 OND	205.00	
19373 LIU, WEN B & CHIAIAO, NEN		TOTAL	205.00	
112462 08/13/2001 427 0006 024 02 NAZARETH, TERESA	NAZARETH TERESA 21550 FOOTHILL BL HAYWARD CA WEED ABATEMENT INSPECTION, LEGAL NOTIFICATION, CASE DOCUMENTATION, AND COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION CASE WN01-0872, WEED INSPECTION FEE @ 1103 "D" HAYWARD; APN 427-0006-024-02.QUESTIONS CALL ROB AT 510/583-4171. SEE BELOW FOR PAYMENT INFORMAT	1103 D ST 94541 ST. BIE ION	481.00	4630 001 46
12213 NAZARETH, TERESA		TOTAL	481.00	
113995 11/29/2001 432 0040 045 01 O'CONNELL, BARBARA & PATRICK	OCONNELL BARBARA J & PATRICK A 4715 SCARLET SAGE DR PUEBLO CO WEED ABATEMENT INSPECTION, LEGAL NOTIFICATION, CASE DOCUMENTATION, AND COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION CASE WN01-1120; WEED INSPECTION FEES @ 22680 HA LAND AV, HAYWARD. APN 432-0040-045-01. QUESTION CALL JOANNE 510/583-4172. PAYMENT INFO SHOWN BE	22680 HAPPYLAND 81001 PPY S LOW		4630 001 46
11442 O'CONNELL, BARBARA & PATRICK		TOTAL	205.00	
112463 08/13/2001 431 0028 018 00 OMEARA, JENNIE	OMEARA JENNIE R 29083 MISSION BL HAYWARD CA WEED ABATEMENT INSPECTION, LEGAL NOTIFICATION, CASE DOCUMENTATION, AND COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION CASE WN01-0727 WEED INSPECTION & ABATEMENT FEES 29083 MISSION BL; APN 431-0028-018. QUESTIONS: 583-4172 FOR JOANNE. SEE BELOW FOR PAYMENT INFO	391 C ST 94544 AT 510		4630 001 46
15360 OMEARA, JENNIE		TOTAL	872.00	
107949 01/05/2001 081D 1901 007 00 SORENSEN, CHRISTIAN E	SORENSEN CHRISTIAN E 27751 FALLEN LEAF CT HAYWARD CA WEED ABATEMENT INSPECTION, LEGAL NOTIFICATION, CASE DOCUMENTATION, AND COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION	27751 FALLEN LEAF CT 94542	205.00	4630 001 46

DEPARTMENT: WEED ABATEMENT

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	CASE WN00-1080; WEED INSPECTION FEE @ 27751 FALL LEAF CT. APN 081D-1901-007-00. QUESTIONS ON FEI CALL ROBBIE BEIENEMANN 510/583-4171.	LEN ES		
11386 SORENSEN, CHRISTIAN E		TOTAL	205.00	
116137 04/15/2002 455 0048 006 00 WONG, PAUL J/PACIFICA	WONG PAUL J 205 GOLDEN BAY DR PACIFICA CA WEED ABATEMENT INSPECTION, LEGAL NOTIFICATION, CASE DOCUMENTATION, AND COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION CASE WN01-0822; WEED INSPECTION AND CONTRACTOR ABATEMENT FEES AT 27418 SLEEPY HOLLOW AV, HAYWAI APN 455-0048-006-00. QUESTIONS CALL 510/583-417	27418 SLEEPY HOLLOW 94044 RD.		4630 001 46
14164 WONG, PAUL J/PACIFICA		TOTAL	498.00	
113387 10/17/2001 445 0150 052 00 ZAHERI, MATHEW	ZAHERI MATHEW 22196 MISSION BL HAYWARD CA WEED ABATEMENT INSPECTION, LEGAL NOTIFICATION, CASE DOCUMENTATION, AND COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION CASE WN01-0960; WEED INSPECTION FEE; 24874 MISS BLVD, HAYWARD; APN 445-0150-052-00. QUESTIONS C. 510/583-4138 RAMONA. PAYMENT INFO BELOW.	24874 MISSION BL 94541 ION		4630 001 46
11703 ZAHERI, MATHEW		TOTAL	212.05	

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RESOLUTION NO	
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Introduced by Council Member	

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR WEED, RUBBISH, AND LITTER ABATEMENT FROM CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF HAYWARD IN CONNECTION WITH THE WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR 2001

WHEREAS, in connection with the 2001Weed Abatement Program, the Enforcement Officer has rendered an itemized report in writing to this Council showing the cost of removing weeds, rubbish, refuse, and litter from certain properties in the City of Hayward described in the report, all as required by section 4-1.62 of the Municipal Code of the City of Hayward; and

WHEREAS, the hour of 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2002, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 777 B Street, Hayward, California, was fixed as the time and place for this Council to receive and consider the report, and a copy of the report has been posted and published in the manner required by section 4-1.63 of the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the hearing was held at the time and place fixed, and the City Council has considered the report and all comments with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, at the time and place if the hearing, evidence of the violations was presented and an opportunity to dispute such evidence provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hayward that except as amended by council, report of the Enforcement Officer of the City of Hayward Weed Abatement Program on the cost of removing weeds, rubbish, refuse, and litter from the properties therein described, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby confirmed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payments of assessments confirmed hereby may be received by the City of Hayward Finance Director up to the hour of 5 p.m. on July 22, 2002, and thereafter such official shall transmit the unpaid assessments to the County Auditor for collection on the property tax roll.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	, 2002
ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:	
AYES:	
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	
ATTEST:	
City Clerk of the City	of Hayward
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
City Attorney of the City of Hayward	